

Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name and that I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, the specification of which is attached hereto and which has the following title:

A Disposable Vacuum Filtration Apparatus Capable of Detecting Microorganisms and Particulates in Liquid Samples

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration, I acknowledge a duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under title 18, United States Code 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27 (b))-
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As a below named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an Independent Inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.

the application identified above.

the patent identified above.

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